



March 14–20, 2004

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Young Adults, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Parents, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

What We Believe about Jesus is the topic of a sermon series by John Buchanan during the Lenten season. In this series about Jesus, upcoming topics are “His Message” (March 21); “His Example” (April 4); and “His Promise” (April 11). After 11:00 worship on March 21, there also will be opportunity to join John Buchanan and Jonathan Schwartz of the American Jewish Committee for a time of further reflection on “What We Believe about Jesus” and responses to the movie *The Passion of the Christ*.

Adult education opportunities offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are “New Testament Survey” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and “Iraq and Beyond” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m., and “Issues of the Century” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and “*The Crucible*” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. Meeting on Thursdays is “Accessing God’s Wisdom” at 6:00 p.m. (Anderson Hall N. Balcony).

A series on holistic health care offered by the Center for Whole Health and the Center for Older Adults continues this week. Seminars meet on Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. This week’s topic is “Good Scents.”

“**America’s Passion for Jesus**” will be the topic of a free Michigan Avenue Forum on Thursday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Richard Wightman Fox, author of the new book *Jesus in America: Personal Savior, Cultural Hero, National Obsession*, will discuss the ways that Jesus is portrayed in American culture.

An introduction to centering prayer will be offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center on Saturday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m. To register for this workshop, contact the Center at 787.8425 by Friday, March 19.

A grief support group offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center is taking new participants. To register or inquire about meeting times, call the Center at 787.8425.

A discussion of Arthur Miller’s *The Crucible*, sponsored by the Center for Older Adults, will take place on Thursday, March 18 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room. Participants will have opportunity to act out selected scenes.

“Finding Agapé,” a retreat for singles in their 30s and 40s, will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 16–17 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). RSVP by Wednesday, March 31 to Jenny Blandford at the church at 981.4087.

LENT

Lenten devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available by e-mail (new subscribers to e-mail devotions can send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.fourthchurch.org, and in a printed booklet available in the literature racks.

Daily prayer during the Lenten season is held at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. These services last approximately fifteen minutes.

Wednesday evening worship during Lent is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

An Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation Temple (15 W. Delaware), will take place on April 1 at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour for a suggested donation of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Contributions will support the Sinai Temple Community Concerns fund.

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour for a suggested donation of \$12 per adult and \$5 per child.

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Donations can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website. (Cards must be received by Sunday, April 4 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin.)

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Children’s Corner, a time of storytelling, takes place in Anderson Hall after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

Junior Highs meets today for class at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Confirmation Class meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow’s Nest. The group meets at 1:00 p.m. in the Crow’s Nest for a meeting about the summer work camp. Parents are also encouraged to attend.

Senior Highs meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. The group meets at 1:00 p.m. in the Crow’s Nest for a meeting about the summer work camp. Parents are also encouraged to attend.

Junior and Senior Highs retreats will take place in April. The Junior Highs retreat is April 23 to 25; the Senior Highs retreat is April 31 to May 2. For more information about locations and scholarship opportunities, contact Liz Thomson in the Youth office at 640.2576 (lthomson@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

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MISSION AND OUTREACH

An informational meeting about 2004 mission trips to such places as Ghana, Honduras, and Northern Ireland will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

A trip to Springfield, Illinois, has been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 30–31 for the purpose of observing the state legislature in action. Reservations are due by Monday, March 15. For more information or to make reservations, contact Liz Thomson in the Mission office at 640.2576.

Fourth Church serves Equal Exchange fair trade coffee. By spreading the word about fair trade, our congregation is helping farmers build a better economic future. For information about fair trade coffee, stop by the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Organist Alan Homerding will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Venture Fourth (singles in their 30s and 40s) meets Friday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. for a kickoff party at Dave and Buster's (1030 N. Clark). RSVP to Jenny Blandford at the church at 981.4087 by Monday, March 15. The group continues a spiritual reflection series entitled "Twelve Sundays: Faith for Daily Living" on Sunday, March 21 at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall N. Balcony.

Fourthlights (50s and above) meets for fellowship on Wednesday, March 17 at 5:00 p.m. at McCormick and Schmick's.

Cornerstones (couples 50s and above) meets for fellowship and brunch on Sunday, March 21 at 11:00 p.m. at Ditka's Restaurant.

Fourth Forum, a fellowship group for gays and lesbians, their friends, and families, meets for brunch and fellowship today at 12:30 p.m. at Ditka's Restaurant. Then on Saturday, March 20, the group meets for a potluck dinner at a member's home. Contact Jenny Blandford at the church at 981.4087 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs

Window air conditioners in good condition

Clinic waiting room chairs

Career-oriented maternity clothes

Pencils, pens, erasers, pencil

sharpeners, and notebooks for Near North Magnet Cluster schools in Cabrini-Green

Current Volunteer Needs

Small teams to make sandwiches and drivers to transport food to Catholic Charities on Monday afternoons for the Fourth Church-sponsored evening meal.

Tutors for children at Byrd Academy and Manierre School, 9:00–11:00 a.m. one day per week

Story readers or tellers following 9:30 worship

For more information, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 14-20, 2004

Sunday, March 14

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Donna Gray preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Fleming Rutledge preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs	Large Conference Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Fleming Rutledge preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Senior Highs	Large Conference Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Mission Trip Information Session	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum	(see announcement)
1:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service Julie Kim Preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Fellowship	Anderson Hall

Monday, March 15

11:45 a.m. Daily Prayer (Monday through Friday) Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 16

7:30 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study Randolph Room

Wednesday, March 17

9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Page Smith Room
 9:30 a.m. Parents Bible Study Large Conference Room
 12:10 p.m. Noonday Bible Study Large Conference Room
 5:00 p.m. Fourtlights (see announcement)
 7:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek Worship Blair Chapel

Thursday, March 18

1:15 p.m. Holistic Health Seminar Page Smith Room
 12:00 p.m. Discussion: *The Crucible* Dining Room
 6:00 p.m. Academy for Faith and Life Parish House
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
 7:30 p.m. Forum: "America's Passion for Jesus" Anderson Hall

Friday, March 19

7:30 a.m. *Believing in Jesus Christ* Book Study Dining Room
 10:00 a.m. Older Adults Bible Study Page Smith Room
 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Venture Fourth (see announcement)

Saturday, March 20

9:00 a.m. Inquirers' Class Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, March 21

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m..
 Carol J. Allen 6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.25. Tickets must be validated in the coffee hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.